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REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL BY ATTORNEY AS FEE ADDRESSEE

I, an attorney signing below, respectfully request permission to withdraw from all further responsibility in this patent in accordance with 37 CFR 1.36.

The last known mailing address of either the inventor(s) or the assignee(s) of the entire interest is:

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The basis for the request for withdrawal is 37 CFR 10.40(c) sections (5) and (6).

In an effort to assure that proper steps are taken to timely pay maintenance fees, the responsibility to pay such fees has been placed upon the person(s) listed above, thereby eliminating the possibility that the undersigned attorneys will be unable to locate such person(s) at the time maintenance fees become due.

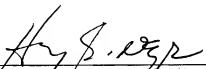
The term within which the first maintenance fee is due will expire on March 11, 2012.

This maintenance fee can be paid with a surcharge until September 10, 2012.

In accordance with 37 CFR 10.40(a), a copy of this request, including attachments, is being sent to the client. A copy of the cover letter to the client is attached.

This request is enclosed in triplicate.

The undersigned, an attorney at the law firm of Kean Miller, Hawthorne, D Armond, McCowan & Jarman, L.L.P., signs on behalf of all attorneys registered in this matter, respectfully requesting to withdraw.



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RE: Recovery of TNT and RDX from Bulk Composition B Explosives
U. S. Patent No.: 7,423,187
Our File: 17615-1

Dear Eric:

Enclosed is the original U. S. Letters Patent No. 7,423,187, which was issued on September 9, 2008 by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO). You should review the patent carefully for printing errors, which we can have corrected.

Please note that you must, under the present law, pay to the PTO three maintenance fees on or before the following dates.

1st Maintenance Fee:	March 11, 2012	-	\$ 490.00
2nd Maintenance Fee:	March 09, 2016	-	\$1,240.00
3rd Maintenance Fee:	March 09, 2020	-	\$2,055.00

You should verify these amounts at the time of payment, since they are subject to change by law or regulation. Failure to timely pay these maintenance fees will result in the cancellation of your patent rights.

Although our law firm does maintain a date calendaring system, we do not assume the responsibility of reminding you when the maintenance fees are due. Therefore, we urge you to keep track of these deadlines in your calendar system.

Products that include the patentable features should be physically marked with the patent number (*e.g.* U.S. Patent No. 7,423,187). In this regard, please be sure to read and

follow the enclosed insert. Valuable rights will be lost if you fail to properly mark your invention.

Due to the fact that it is sometimes difficult, if not impossible, to locate former clients when maintenance fees become due, it is a policy of this firm to file with the PTO the enclosed papers which indicate that we are withdrawing as attorney of record on this file and to further instruct the PTO to forward directly to you any notices or other correspondence relating to this patent.

Please be advised that this patent will expire January 3, 2025, which includes an adjustment of 665 additional days. If you have questions, please give me a call.

Very truly yours,



Henry E. Naylor

HEN:sah

Enclosures

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